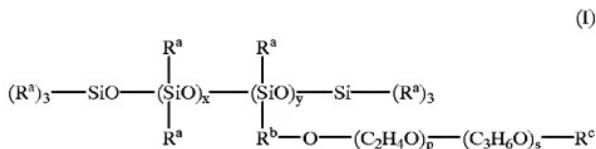


**Amendments to the Specification**

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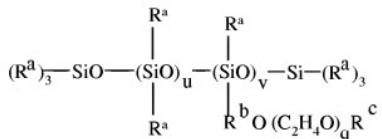
[0016a] An example of silicone polyethers suitable for use in the present invention are compositions having the formula:



where  $\text{R}^{\text{a}}$  is an alkyl group of one to six carbon atoms;  $\text{R}^{\text{b}}$  is the radical  $-\text{C}_m\text{H}_{2m}-$ ;  $\text{R}^{\text{c}}$  is a terminating radical such as hydrogen, an alkyl group of one to six carbon atoms, or an aryl group such as phenyl;  $m$  has a value of two to eight;  $p$  and  $s$  have values such that the oxyalkylene segment  $-(\text{C}_2\text{H}_4\text{O})_{\text{p}}-(\text{C}_3\text{H}_6\text{O})_{\text{s}}-$  has a molecular weight in the range of 400 to 5,000; the segment preferably having 50-99 mole percent of oxyethylene units  $-(\text{C}_2\text{H}_4\text{O})_{\text{p}}-$  and 1-50 mole percent of oxypropylene units  $-(\text{C}_3\text{H}_6\text{O})_{\text{s}}-$ ;  $x$  has a value of 80 to 400; and  $y$  has a value of 2 to 10.

[0016b] Preferably,  $\text{R}^{\text{a}}$  and the terminating radical  $\text{R}^{\text{c}}$  are methyl groups;  $m$  is preferably three or four whereby the group  $\text{R}^{\text{b}}$  is most preferably  $-(\text{CH}_2)_3-$ ; and the values of  $p$  and  $s$  provide a molecular weight of oxyalkylene segment  $-(\text{C}_2\text{H}_4\text{O})_{\text{p}}-(\text{C}_3\text{H}_6\text{O})_{\text{s}}-$  of between 1,000 to 3,000. Most preferably,  $p$  and  $s$  each have a value of about 18 to 28.

**[0016c]** Another example of a similar and useful silicone polyether is a composition having the formula:



where  $\text{R}^{\text{a}}$  is an alkyl group of one to six carbon atoms;  $\text{R}^{\text{b}}$  is the radical  $-\text{C}_m\text{H}_{2m-1}$ ;  $\text{R}^{\text{c}}$  is a terminating radical such as hydrogen, an alkyl group of one to six carbon atoms, or an aryl group such as phenyl;  $m$  has a value of two to eight;  $q$  has a value of 8 to 16;  $u$  has a value of 6 to 12; and  $x$  has a value of 1 to 8.

**[0016d]** In Formula (I) or Formula (II), the silicone polyethers, i.e., siloxane-oxyalkylene copolymers, may take the form of endblocked polyethers in which the linking group  $\text{R}^{\text{b}}$  the oxyalkylene segments, and the terminating radical  $\text{R}^{\text{c}}$ , occupy positions bonded to the ends of the siloxane chain, rather than being bonded to a silicon atom in the siloxane chain.

**[0016e]** Thus, one or more of the  $\text{R}^{\text{a}}$  substituents attached to the two terminal silicon atoms at the end of the siloxane chain, can be substituted with the segment  $-\text{R}^{\text{b}}-\text{O}-(\text{C}_2\text{H}_4\text{O})_p-(\text{CH}_6\text{O})_s-\text{R}^{\text{c}}$  or with the segment  $-\text{R}^{\text{b}}-\text{O}-(\text{C}_2\text{H}_4\text{O})_p-\text{R}^{\text{c}}$ .

**[0016f]** In some instances, it may be desirable to provide these segments in the siloxane chain itself, as well as at one or both of the ends of the chain.

**[0016g]** Methods for making such silicone polyethers are known in the art, and are described in

detail in standard texts such as Chemistry & Technology of Silicones, Walter Noll, Academic Press Inc., 1968, Pages 373-376.